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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT OF STATE 172075, SENT LISBON, INFO KINSHASA
12 JULY:

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TAGS: CASC, AO

SUBJECT: RETURN OF BODY OF GEORGE BACON FROM ANGOLA

1. GEORGE BACON, SR., FATHER OF GEORGE BACON, JR., THE AMERICAN MERCENARY KILLED IN THE FIGHTING IN ANGOLA IN FEBRUARY 1976, HAS ASKED THAT EFFORTS BE MADE BY THE EMBASSY, THROUGH JULIO CORREA, TO OBTAIN HIS SON'S BODY. THE SON APPARENTLY WAS KILLED IN THE SAME AMBUSH IN WHICH GARY ACKER WAS CAPTURED. ACKER HAS TOLD THE AMERICAN LAWYERS THAT BACON'S BODY WAS TRANSPORTED TO CUIMBA (14 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST - 6 DEGREES, 05 MINUTES SOUTH) BY THE CUBANS IN THE SAME JEEP IN WHICH HE WAS BROUGHT AS A CAPTIVE TO CUIMBA. ACKER DOES NOT KNOW WHAT THEN BECAME OF BACON'S BODY BUT ONE OF THE LAWYERS WAS LED TO BELIEVE BY THE MPLA THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO LUANDA.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: WHILE JULIO CORREA IS DEALING WITH
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THE ANGOLAN'S TO ARRANGE SHIPMENT OF GEARHART'S BODY, HE SHOULD EXPRESS THE DESIRE OF MR. BACON TO BRING HIS SON'S BODY BACK TO THE US AS WELL. JULIO SHOULD ATTEMPT TO LEARN WHERE THE BODY IS LOCATED AND WHETHER IT WAS EMBALMED.

JULIO SHOULD PASS ANY REPLY THROUGH THE EMBASSY TO THE DEPARTMENT. HE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT UNDERTAKE ANY COMMITMENT TO SEND THE BODY UNTIL FURTHER WORD FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

FYI: MR. BACON HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT IT MAY COST 5000 DOLLARS, OR MORE TO REPATRIATE HIS SON'S REMAINS AND HE HAS INDICATED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO DEPOSIT THE FUNDS ONCE IT IS DETERMINED IF THE BODY CAN BE LOCATED AND SHIPPED. KISSINGER UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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